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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: NORDIC PRESSURE ON SWAPO

REF: (A) STATE 82599, (B) STOCKHOLM 0771 (NOTAL)

1. IN STOCKHOLM ONLY BRITISH EMBASSY OF WESTERN FIVE EMBASSIES

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HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO PROVIDE COPY OF REVISED WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL TO GOS, AND HAD SCHEDULED MEETING WITH MFA AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR JAN AF SILLEN AT 1100 HOURS MARCH 31. FRG, CANADIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES ALONG WITH THIS EMBASSY AGREED THAT BRITISH REP COULD SPEAK ON BEHALF OF OTHERS. REF A WAS RECEIVED JUST PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEMARCHE AND SUBSTANCE WAS PROVIDED BRITISH COLLEAGUE.

2. BRITISH COLLEAGUE HAS NOW REPORTED THAT REVISED PROPOSAL WAS HANDED TO AF SILLEN, THAT HE EXPLAINED THAT WF BELIEVED PROPOSAL WAS AS FAIR AND AS BALANCED AS WE COULD MAKE IT GIVEN SWAPO AND SAG POSITIONS, AND URGED THAT GOS RECOGNIZE URGENT NECESSITY FOR SERIOUS SWAPO CONSIDERATION.

3. AF SILLEN, ACCORDING TO BRITISH COLLEAGUE, REPLIED THAT GOS HAD PREVIOUSLY COUNSELED NUJOMA AND OTHER SWAPO LEADERS TO GIVE PRIOR WF PROPOSAL DUE CONSIDERATION. AS RELATED PREVIOUSLY TO WF REPS IN STOCKHOLM (REF B), GOS CONTINUES TO BELIEVE GREAT BULK OF COMPROMISING REMAINING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SAG. BRITISH REP REPEATED THAT REVISED PROPOSAL HAD BEEN CAREFULLY DRAWN IN COMPLETELY OBJECTIVE MANNER AND PROMISED, IF IMPLEMENTED, A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. HE ADDED THAT IN WF VIEW THAT IT WAS NOW TIME FOR BOTH SWAPO AND SAG BILATERALLY TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WHILE WF WAS NOT WALKING OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WF HAS GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS IT CAN GO IN ITS ARDUOUS ATTEMPTS TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER. AF SILLEN REPLIED THAT HE DOUBTED THE GOS COULD EXERT MORE INFLUENCE ON NUJOMA THAN IT HAS, BUT THAT MFA WOULD BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SWEDISH UN DELEGATION, PARTICULARLY THUNBORG AND HEINEBACK.

4. EMBASSY AGREED WITH BRITISH EMBASSY COLLEAGUE THAT BRITISH INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT INCLUDE THE MORE FORCEFUL ARGUMENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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TAINED REF A. WE AGREED, THEREFORE, THAT THIS EMBASSY WOULD FOLLOW UP MARCH 31 DEMARCHE BY BRITISH WITH SEPARATE US EMBASSY APPROACH UPON RETURN OF MFA SEC GEN LEIFLAND FROM FAR EAST TRIP, POSSIBLY NEXT WEEK. POSSIBLY BY THAT TIME, BRITISH AND OTHER WF EMBASSIES HERE WILL HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ALONG LINES OF REF A.
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